

AFFIDAVIT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS

AND PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS

Affidavit of Pamela Patricia Ann Palmer

I, *Pamela Patricia Ann Palmer*, of the City of Mississauga, in the Peel Region of Ontario, MAKE
OATH AND SAY:

1. Evidence related Item 1 of our presentation is the Ontario Works Act S.O. 1997, CHAPTER 25 SCHEDULE A. 9. (vi) and the Ontario Disability Support Program, 1997 S.O. 1997, CHAPTER 25 SCHEDULE B 9. (V).
2. Evidence related to Item 2 is i) the booklet on services for youth in Ottawa prepared by Ottawa Police services and is attached as **EXHIBIT A**
http://www.ottawapolice.ca/Libraries/Reports_Forms_Etc/ENG_Resource_List_2010_wdesc.sflb.ashx. ii) And a webpage prepared by Justice for Children and Youth group which is attached as **EXHIBIT B** and :
<http://fcy1.blogspot.ca/2012/03/applying-for-social-assistance-at-ages.html>
3. Evidence related to Item 3 i) This is a link to a detailed research work done on youth outcomes. It clearly demonstrates that the youth aging out of care have dismal outcomes and have a huge increase in suffering from mental health issues.
<http://www.stchrishouse.org/modules/lib/getImage.php?kold=15139>
<http://cwrp.ca/researchwatch/2283>
4. Evidence related to item 4 i) The Ontario Government does not treat youth as adults as per their directives for Ontario works. <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/documents/en/mcass/social/directives/ow/0305.pdf> ii) Ontario Regulation 134/98 Section 10. (1) to (9). **EXHIBIT C**
5. Evidence of Item 5. i) Jane Scharf and I faxed a copy of our article dated October 5th, 2013 to the Office of the Provincial Advocate of Children and Youth on October 7th, 2013. (attached as **EXHIBIT D**) ii) Mr. Elman called and arranged a conference call with us on October 15, 2013 and Oct 23, 2013. We taped these two conversations. And I swear the transcribed excerpts provided in this affidavit from these conversations are true and accurate to the best of my ability. The tape recordings which are true unaltered records of the Oct 15 and 23 conversations between Irwin Elman, Jane Scharf and Pamela Palmer can be found at:

October 15th, 2013 <http://tapeacall.com/8ycpceug2g>

October 23, 2013 <http://tapeacall.com/pq62ay49yt>

iii) **EXHIBIT E** find attached 3 emails to Jane Scharf and Pamela Palmer from Irwin Elman dated October 7, 15, 30, 2013, and an affidavit prepared by Pamela Palmer confirming that the Advocate does not support Bill 88 in its current form.
6. In these teleconferences we raised our concerns about Bill 88. We had seen a public announcement he put out on September 17, 2013 where he appeared to support the bill. Mr. Elman assured us that he did not support the bill in its current form and that it needs amendments. (Tape reference 2:34 to 5:26 dated

October 15th, 2013)

7. Mr. Elman told us the bill needs "work and changes". (Tape reference 4:46 to 5:02 Recorded October 23, 2013)
8. Mr. Elman told us that "the Children's Aid does not have capacity to support, and I do not mean money, they do not know how to support these children 16 to 18 and so in my mind, that mandated service needs to be elsewhere." (5:45 6:09 Recorded October 23, 2013)
9. Mr. Elman also stated in the call that Rod Jackson, did not consult with his office when drafting the bill. "He did not consult with us about drafting that bill " October 23rd, 2013(34:59 to 35:02)
10. Mr. Elman continues to say "He drafted the bill, not sure how he drafted it or why he decided, 'cus he wasn't at the hearings. My, you know, I don't know where he got the language for the bill or the idea to do it as a voluntary agreement um I don't know, I have no idea." (35:32 35:54) October 23, 2013 There was no discussions with any young people here or at the office". October 23, 2013(35:56 36:01)
11. Evidence of Item 6 Here is the link to the Auditor General's report that demonstrates the Children's Aid Societies are not financially responsible <http://fixcas.com/news/2006/auditor.pdf>
12. Evidence of Item 7 i) Here is a link from the Toronto Star dated March 14th, 2013 that shows a leaked memo from the Peel Children's Aid Society that proves the C.A.S is harming children and families by keeping clients in care in order to retain funding. http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2013/03/14/in_leaked_memo_peel_cas_staff_asked_to_keep_cases_open_to_retain_funding.html ii) Here is a link to the media reports on the Auditor General's reports of C.A.S's abuse of funds. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-children-s-aid-societies-misspent-money-auditors-allege-1.588878> iii) Here is a link from the Ombudsman in regards to the number of complaints received by his office per year. <http://www.ombudsman.on.ca/Resources/Articles-by-the-Ombudsman/2011/Who-oversees-children-s-aid-societies--Ontario-s-.aspx> iv) EXHIBIT F Pamphlet produced by FLEW, funding by the Ontario Government and distributed by the Family Court Clinics at the provincial courthouses.

Sworn (or Affirmed) before me at the (City, Town, etc.) of

Ottawa

in the (County, Regional Municipality, etc.)

of Ottawa

on December 2, 2013, on (date)



Signature of deponent

Jane Scharf
Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

Mary Jane Pamela Scharf,
A Commissioner, etc
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